

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8(cancelled)

Claim 9 (original): A method of preventing a material, such as asphalt or an aggregate material, from adhering to a surface, comprising:

applying a composition including at least one of desugared sugar beet molasses, sugar cane molasses, steepwater, brewers condensed solubles, distillers solubles, or mixtures thereof to the surface.

Claim 10 (original): The method according to claim 9, wherein the surface is a truck bed and the applying includes spraying the composition on the truck bed before placing the aggregate material thereon.

Claim 11 (now amended): The method according to claim 9 [or 10], wherein the step of mixing the composition with oil, a surfactant, or water is completed prior to the applying step.

Claim 12 (now amended): The method according to claim 9[, 10, or 11], further including mixing the composition with ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, soluble potassium salts, and the sodium, calcium, magnesium, and potassium salts of acetate, chloride, carbonate, formate, or mixtures thereof before the applying step.

Claim 13 (original): A method of preventing the freezing of aggregate material, preventing ice from forming on the material, or de-icing the material comprising:
placing the material at a location for temporary storage, such as in a vehicle bed or rail car; and
applying an agent including at least one of desugared sugar beet molasses, sugar cane molasses, steepwater, brewers condensed solubles, distillers solubles, or mixtures thereof to at least a portion of the material.

Claim 14 (original): The method according to claim 13, further including mixing the agent with ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, soluble potassium salts, and the sodium, calcium, magnesium, and potassium salts of acetate, chloride, carbonate, formate, or mixtures thereof before the applying step.

Claim 15 (original): The method according to claim 13, wherein the aggregate material is in a pile and the agent is applied to at least a portion of the material in the pile.

Claim 16 (original): The method according to claim 13, wherein the agent is applied to at least a portion of the aggregate material before being placed in the temporary storage location.

Claim 17 (original): A structure, comprising:
a vehicle bed or rail car including a pile of aggregate material at least partially coated with a composition including at least a first component comprised of at least one of desugared sugar beet molasses, sugar cane molasses, steepwater, brewers condensed solubles, distillers solubles, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 18 (original): The structure according to claim 17, wherein the aggregate material comprises crushed stone or rock, gravel, sand, coal, or the like.

Claim 19 (now amended): The structure according to claim 17 [or 18], wherein the composition further includes a second component comprised of at least one of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, soluble potassium salts, and the sodium, calcium, magnesium, and potassium salts of acetate, chloride, carbonate, formate, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 20 (now amended): The structure according to claim 19, wherein the second component is present in said composition in an amount ranging from about 5-80% by weight [and, most preferably, from about 10-60% weight].

Respectfully submitted,

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